

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough****Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Rescue Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$ 100,000
One-Time Need**House District: 15 - H****Brief Project Description:**

Purchase Rescue Equipment for Emergency Services

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$100,000**

<u>Funding Secured</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

<u>Other Pending Requests</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Purchase rescue equipment for various divisions of the Rescue Service: technical rescue services (\$30,000) of replacement extrication devices (i.e., Hurst power tools a.k.a. "the jaws of life"); (\$30,000) of off-road rescue equipment such as snow machines and four-wheeled all-terrain vehicles; (\$20,000) for Hazardous Materials rescue services for de-contamination and spill response equipment, and (\$20,000) for the Water Rescue Team dry suits, swift water rescue equipment and scuba equipment.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Director of Emergency Services

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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CY2008 Capital Project Description **Rescue Equipment**

1. **Project Name:** Rescue Equipment
2. **Project Location and House District:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
House District 15-H
3. **Description of Project:** This project is to purchase a variety of rescue equipment for the rescue specialties provided by the Borough Department of Emergency Services. The project is to purchase equipment for the various divisions of our Rescue Service: our technical rescue services - (\$30,000) of replacement extrication devices (i.e., Hurst power tools a.k.a. "the jaws of life"); (\$30,000) of off-road rescue equipment such as snow machines, and four-wheeled all-terrain vehicles; (\$20,000) for our Hazardous Materials rescue services for de-contamination and spill response equipment, and (\$20,000) for our Water Rescue Team for dry suits, swift water rescue equipment and scuba equipment.
4. **Describe the regional benefits of the project, if any.** The Matanuska-Susitna Borough continues to be the fastest growing area in Alaska, and remains the primary corridor for transportation to other parts of the State as well as serving as a playground for other Alaskans to enjoy the ideal Alaskan outdoor experiences such as snow machining, 4-wheeling, fishing, hunting, hiking, and camping. Providing reliable, quality rescue services to our Borough residents, as well as the many visitors and tourists, is a great benefit to the region. In addition to responding to motor vehicle accidents on the Glenn and Parks Highway throughout the year, we provide rescue services for people lost or injured "off-the-road" system. Although the primary responsibility for search and rescue lies with the Alaska State Troopers, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough performs a majority of these rescues as the Troopers have limited manpower and resources to conduct these operations. We augment the Troopers capabilities and resources which is a great benefit to the Troopers and the region. Our Water Rescue Team participates in a variety of water-related rescue activities: swift water rescue on the many Borough rivers, still water (lake and ocean) rescue, recovery operations of vehicles in the water, and even recovery of "evidence" items for the Alaska State Troopers in criminal cases. There are a great deal of hazardous materials that travel through the Matanuska-Susitna Borough on a daily basis, not to mention the local hazardous materials residing in the Borough. We currently have very limited resources for Haz-Mat response; largely depending upon our mutual aid agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage, and the response from the military and the Alaska Department of Conservation. With additional equipment, we will have the capability of responding to hazardous material events and at least secure the area, and mitigate harm done by minor situations. These rescue capabilities are of major benefit to the region's tourism as well as to other State agencies that require our assistance.

5. **Describe the public health and safety aspects of the project, if any.** This project will have a major impact on health and safety to residents as well as those people visiting the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. This project will provide additional response and support to other agencies in hazardous material situations, search and rescue situations, water-related events and motor vehicle accidents.
6. **Amount of Funding Request:** \$100,000.
7. **Total funding to complete the project:** \$100,000.
8. **Number of years to complete the project; start and end dates:**
July 2008 through June 30, 2009.
9. **Matching funds available/sources:** There are limited matching funds available for this project, but the Borough could match 25% of this project utilizing Areawide tax funding.
10. **If the project received prior state appropriations, list the amount and the year of the appropriation:** This project has not received any prior year funding.
11. **Are funds for the project included in the Governor's proposed FY2009 budget? If so, where?** No.
12. **Are federal funds being sought, either through competitive grants or earmarks?**
No.
13. **Has the project gone through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action by the governing body?** Not at this time. These services are provided by the Department of Emergency Services as part of our overall emergency services system.
14. **If funding is made available for the project this year, who will be responsible for providing the ongoing maintenance and operations costs?** The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Director of Emergency Services is ultimately responsible for the maintenance and operations cost for this project.
15. **Project contact information – name, address, e-mail, phone number:**

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